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Letter dated 5 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by Iran between 21 April and 20 May 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 21 April-20 May 2001

1. 21 April 2001

At 0530 hours the Iranians fired four Katyusha rockets at Maslah village in Qazaniyah district from the Ayn Zalah post.

2. 23 April 2001

At 1600 hours the Iranians installed a two-barrel machine-gun manned by two soldiers at one of the forward observation posts on the Shatt al-Arab south of the Karun river at coordinates 386684 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

3. 23 April 2001

At 1630 hours the Iranians shot at a supply vehicle in the Qazaniyah area, damaging its tires.

4. 23 April 2001

At 1213 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying from south to north along the international boundary from coordinates 5586 to coordinates 4602. At 1225 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

5. 24 April 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a Poclain and 18 persons began work at coordinates 903162. At the same time an Iranian engineering unit began work on the old road, using two dump trucks and an excavator.

6. 24 April 2001

At 0500 hours the Iranians opened fire indiscriminately for a period of three minutes opposite the Fadaghiyah post at coordinates 520410.

7. 24 April 2001

At 2245 hours the Iranians bombarded our units at coordinates 1148 with rocket launchers and mortars. Fifty mortar rounds and 10 rockets impacted in the area.

8. 25 April 2001

At 1115 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen at coordinates 3574 heading towards coordinates 3176. It then returned again to the Iranian rear.

9. 25 April 2001

At 0900 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Busaytin area and landing at coordinates 7221. Seven person alighted and ascended the observation post. At 1100 hours the helicopter returned to the Iranian rear.

10. 25 April-3 May 2001

An Iranian engineering unit consisting of two dump trucks and an excavator began work at coordinates 570559, spreading ballast along the old road.

11. 25-26 April 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 15079. Ten persons were at work.

12. 25 April 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of one Poclain and two dump trucks began work at coordinates 972734, mending the old road. Eight persons were at work.

13. 25 April 2001

At 0730 hours the Iranians bombarded the Sa`d post at coordinates 8967 with six 120-mm mortar rounds.

14. 27 April 2001

At 1050 hours four Iranians in military dress infiltrated into Iraqi national territory.

15. 27 April 2001

The citizen Kazim Isa Mal Allah al-Rashid, a fisherman by occupation and a resident of the Abu al-Khasib area, was fishing in the Fadaghiyah area of Faw district in Basrah Governorate when at 1500 hours he came under fire from the Iranian side. He was killed instantly.

16. 29 April 2001

At 1300 hours three vehicles — a military jeep, a black late-model Mercedes and a Toyota pick-up truck — were seen coming from the Iranian rear. The jeep headed towards the position opposite the Iraqi post, and an Iranian officer carrying field glasses alighted and reconnoitred the area. The two civilian vehicles came to a halt at the metallic tower opposite the same post. Six civilians alighted and reconnoitred the area.

17. 29 April 2001

At 1500 hours three Nissan station wagons, two khaki-coloured and one white, were seen coming from the Iranian rear and coming to a halt at the Iranian position opposite an Iraqi post. Fourteen persons in military uniform, including three officers, alighted. They reconnoitred the area for a period of 15 minutes.

18. 2 May 2001

At 1700 hours the citizen Qasim Mansur Jamil, a fisherman by occupation, was hit by one round fired from the Iranian side in the Fadaghiyah area in Basrah Governorate. He was taken to the hospital.

19. 4-9 May 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5753, spreading ballast along the old road. The equipment and vehicles used were two dump trucks, one excavator, two bulldozers, two water tankers, one roller and two pick-up trucks.

20. 5 May 2001

At 1010 hours the Iranians proceeded to build a military position near Iran's Tankab post at coordinates 5300 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz).

21. 5 May 2001

At 1010 hours the Iranians pitched a tent on the boundary road near Iran's Qarah Sidq post at coordinates 05399 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz).

22. 9 May 2001

From 0900 hours an Iranian remotely piloted aircraft coming from the direction of Jalula' city violated our national airspace for a period of 25 minutes before returning to Iranian territory.

23. 10-11 May 2001

The Iranian engineering unit continued work spreading ballast along the old road at coordinates 5752. The equipment and vehicles used were three dump trucks, one bulldozer and one excavator.

24. 13 May 2001

An Iraqi boat was subjected to a premeditated attack in an unsuccessful attempt to capture it along with its crew. The attack was carried out by two Iranian boats, each carrying six persons armed with rifles, in the Fadaghiyah area of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 515415. The Iranian observation posts along the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab in the same area opened fire in support of the two boats. The attack caused moderate damage to the boat and to its motor.

25. 14 May 2001

At 1000 hours two armed Iranian helicopters were seen coming from the Iranian rear towards Iran's Naft-e Shah. They then continued flying in a northerly direction for 10 minutes before returning to the Iranian rear.

26. 15 May 2001

At 1600 hours the Iranians opened a new observation post to the left of the new Husayn post at coordinates 4014 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz). It was then manned by two or three persons monitoring our units with listening devices.

27. 15-21 May 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5752, spreading ballast along the old road. The equipment and vehicles used were nine dump trucks, one bulldozer, four excavators, one Poclain, two pick-up trucks, one water tanker and one roller.

28. 18 May 2001

At 0810 hours the Iranians pitched two tents on the heights of mount Kurd at coordinates 5895 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz). Seven persons armed with light weapons were present in the vicinity.

29. 19 May 2001

At 1200 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying from west to east along the border strip at low altitude in the area of coordinates 91116. It headed towards

Kushk al-Basri, then turned north and flew parallel to the boundary before returning to the Iranian rear.

30. 20 May 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work on an old excavation at coordinates 5748. One bulldozer was used.